

City of Johnson City

Stormwater Utility FAQ

When did the Stormwater utility fee begin and why has the fee increased?

The stormwater fee began in July of 2007 and was included on that utility bill. The stormwater fee was scheduled to increase over the next three (3) year period. This is the final year of that planned increase of the fee.

General Information

- Unlike a tax, the Stormwater User Fee can only be used for stormwater projects and programs such as erosion control, sediment control, flooding areas, pollution control and public education. This includes repairing old pipes, maintaining the system and capital improvements.

- The Federal Clean Water Act requires every city with more than 10,000 residents to develop a program to monitor discharge of stormwater runoff. This fee will be used to fund that program and to address flooding problems as well as improve water quality of our streams.

Residential Rates:

- Your stormwater utility rate is based on the size of your home. A Single Family Unit (SFU) represents the statistical average of the impervious or hard area (e.g. driveway, roof, sidewalk) of all homes in Johnson City.
- Eighty (80) percent of homes will fall into the Average Single Family category and are charged 1 SFU.
- The average single family home is considered to be 1 SFU and 1 SFU = 3,315 sq. ft. of impervious area (e.g. driveway, roof, sidewalk)
- 1 SFU = \$3.00 per month*

Single Family - Small (< 1,691 sq. ft.)**	0.51 SFU = \$1.53*
Single Family - Average (1,692 sq. ft. to 5,574 sq. ft.)**	1.00 SFU = \$3.00*
Single Family - Large (> 5,575 sq. ft.)**	1.68 SFUs = \$5.04*
Multi-Family per unit***	0.71 SFU = \$2.13*

* Rate is per month from June 2009 going forward.

** All impervious area (e.g. driveway, roof, sidewalk) on a parcel is used to determine the billing rate. Not just the building footprint.

*** Multi-Family with 1/3 of the units with 3rd floor and above entrances may qualify for a fee adjustment.

Non-Residential (Commercial, Industrial, Non-Profit) Rates:

Measured in equivalent SFU units.

Example: A business with 33,150 sq. ft.** of impervious surface would pay the following :

$33,150 \text{ sq. ft.} / 3,315 \text{ sq. ft.} = 10 \text{ SFUs} \times \$3.00^* = \$30.00 \text{ per month}^*$



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The solution to stormwater pollution is this:

Don't let it go down the drain!

Follow these tips to help reduce pollutants in our streams:

- Inspect and maintain your car regularly to prevent leaks of oil, anti-freeze and other fluids.
- Never hose down spills into the gutter!
- Recycle oil and antifreeze at an automotive or gas station recycling program.
- Sweep sidewalks and patios rather than hose debris into gutters.
- Water-based paint brushes should be rinsed out in the sink.
- Don't overuse chemicals (pesticides and herbicides) that could be washed into stormwater from the garden or yard.
- Do re-plant or grass areas of disturbed soil.



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